



2013 Annual Members Meeting



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO – AURORA

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

Wednesday September 25, 2013– 7:15pm

1. Call to order;
2. Approval of agenda;
3. Minutes of last meeting;
4. Opening remarks;
5. Business arising out of the minutes;
6. Executive reports;
7. Sport Club reports;
8. Reports as may be directed by the SOO-AURORA Community Council;
9. Acceptance of Budget;
10. Election of new officers to the SOO-AURORA Community Council;
11. New business;
12. Adjournment.

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Plus...

All the golfers who took part!

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO - AURORA
ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 18th, 2012, 7:15 pm
Magna Room, Aurora Public Library**

Present: Executive committee members: Heather Brookes, Nancy Black, Lloyd Brown, Dorothy Hall, Janet Mitchell, Nancy Shaw, Rhonda Wood

Absent with Regrets: Stefanie Lee

In Attendance: Total of 38 in attendance (including members of the Community Council Executive and Community Council Positions). Total attendance up from 2011 (28).

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**– The Annual SOO-Aurora AGM was called to order by Nancy Black at 7:15 pm. Nancy called forward Meredith Allan, SOO-Aurora athlete. Meredith introduced herself. Nancy and Meredith welcomed guests (Rob Fairs, President of the Aurora Men’s Slo-Pitch League; Wendy Emery, Aurora Xmas Craft Sale Coordinator; Taude Plexman, District Developer, SOO Central Region; Karen Richards, General Manger of the 2013 York Region SO Summer Games. Thank yous to Cheryl Duckworth, SOO-Aurora Event Coordinator and Nancy Shaw, SOO-Aurora Public Relations Coordinator for their assistance re AGM planning; SOO-Aurora partners and sponsors (as listed in the pre package previously distributed), and Colin Simpkin, SOO-Aurora Webmaster.

2. **Approval of Agenda** – Amendments to Agenda as follows:
 - 1) Chief Joliffe (York Regional Police) unable to attend to do presentation
 - 2) Addition of SOO-Aurora video from Nancy Shaw following AGM portion of the evening

Modified agenda approved by Sally Haberer, seconded by Andy Brookes.

3. **Minutes of last year’s meeting**– Approved by Sue Deacon, seconded by Casey Jacob.

4. **Business arising out of the minutes** – Nothing noted

5. **Reports** - Nancy noted that as detailed reports were circulated ahead of time, we would not be going over those in details. Questions would be taken, and highlights noted. Highlights:
 - i. Rhonda Wood assumed the position of Volunteer Coordinator late in the year when the position became vacant
 - ii. Focus last year was on offering competitive opportunities for the athletes, and on promoting SOO-Aurora within the community. To that end, a tent was purchased which is being used at events
 - iii. Moving forward – we will add another sport next year, and increase our presence in the community through partnership with the York Regional Police

- iv. Success of our fundraisers, and the tie in to our efforts to increase our profile in the community
- v. Special note – golf tournament fundraiser (co-chairs: Cheryl Duckworth, Nicola McGovern, Def Finniear); also recipient of funds from a golf tournament thanks to Andy Brookes
- vi. Introduced each executive member
- vii. Introduced Team Managers, Head Coaches
- viii. Introduced Head Athlete Representative (and Swim team athlete rep), Meredith Allan; noted that 3 SOO-Aurora Ducks swim team members qualified for Provincials (Meredith, Mary, Cindy)
- ix. Welcome Casey Jacob, incoming Special Ducks Head Coach; noted that an extra weekly swim practice has been added for some swimmers
- x. Basketball (Special Dunks) headed by Team Manager Jaclyn Black and Head Coach Wendee Beach; Mary Haberer, Athlete Rep the Dunks attended 2 tournaments last season
- xi. Golf (Special Eagles) headed by Team Manager Katie Vickers, Head Coach Nicola McGovern; Ian McKie, Athlete Rep: Golf is a great sport to play
- xii. Softball (new) (Special Grand Slams) headed by Team Manager/Head Coach Rhonda Wood; Gary Freeman, Athlete Rep: Loves playing and is having fun with the kids
- xiii. Event Coordinator – Cheryl Duckworth. Nancy noted the many events that Cheryl has organized this past fiscal year

6. Acceptance of 2012/2013 Budget

- a. Motion by Nancy Black “to accept the 2012/1013 budget as in the package”. Seconded by Heather Brookes. Discussion – no questions/issues. Motion carried.

7. Election of new officers to the SOO-Aurora Community Council – Nancy Black noted that there are no elections as no additional nominations were received, so returning members were acclaimed.

9. New Business – Nancy Black

- 1. Floor was opened to questions. Request for minutes to be posted on the website. Nancy Black – said they can’t be put up this year until they are approved next year.

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Dorothy Hall. Adjourned at 7:50 pm, followed by Special Presentation (guest speaker Karen Richards), booth visits, and breakout sessions (*Coaching Athletes with Down Syndrome* for volunteers, or *How we Select our Next Sport* for families/athletes)

Minutes submitted by Janet Mitchell

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Community Coordinator Report – 2012-13

This past year, the main focus areas were:

- Raising SOO – Aurora awareness in the community
- Retaining an Outreach Coordinator to better link to community services
- Better managing volunteer intake process
- Becoming a Community that is more 'athlete driven' than 'board led'

Highlights:

- Approved expansion of the Special Ducks Swim Club to 3 workouts per week
- Logo redesign (Community logo to align with logo specifications of SOO; Sport logos removed the word 'special' excluding Special Ducks)
- Invited to the SOO Police Appreciation Night with athlete rep Meredith Allan
- Announced that SOO-Aurora would expand its basketball program (currently offered one night per week) to 2 nights per week
- Provided volunteers for the SOO 2013 Summer Games
- Sport Club Managers encouraged more participation from their Athlete Representatives (goal was to become more athlete driven)
- Volunteer Cheryl Duckworth honoured at the Sport Aurora Volunteer Appreciation event
- Volunteer appreciation letters and gifts distributed
- Aurora athlete Mary Haberer named Torch Bearer for Opening Ceremonies of SOO 2013 Summer Games

Upcoming Focus:

- SOO-Aurora will seek to HOST its first event (that being a swim competition)
- Expansion of basketball (more nights, athletes, coaches = money needed)
- SOO-Aurora will work with the York Regional Police GAMES LEGACY committee to ensure continuity of community engagement with SOO
- SOO-Aurora will focus on Board succession planning
- SOO-Aurora will revisit its New Sport policy (and make decision about new sport or sport expansion for 2013-2014 season)
- SOO- Aurora will fill all of the open volunteer roles (including up to date registration and training)
- SOO-Aurora will continue its efforts to promote Special Olympics in this community

Other:

- My 2nd term (4 years) as Community Coordinator ends this year and happily, there was interest for my replacement. Hopefully, I will transition to another role within the Community. Thank you for allowing me the honour of carrying out this key role. I will miss it.

Submitted by: Nancy Black

Treasurer's Report – 2012-13

Another year of excellent financial support from the Aurora community. While we continue to budget for facilities, the venues for our sports are largely offset by donations. We gratefully acknowledge Mike Nisbet of Westview Golf Club for use of the course and equipment by the Eagles, the York Regional Police Association for the free use of their fields by the Grand Slams and the Master Ducks for life guarding support for our swimmers.

Our bank balance may appear to be a bit high but we are looking to support both our athletes and our volunteer coaches as they look forward to the 2014 National Games in Vancouver, British Columbia. We wish them all the best and thank-you for your continued donations.

SOO - Aurora Community - Statement of Operations
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
REVENUES		
Donations	6,731	17,347
Registration	5,955	4,600
Grants	2,500	-
Fundraisers	10,217	7,748
Other	527	1,073
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>25,930</u>	<u>30,768</u>
EXPENSES		
Facilities Rental	5,595	4,271
Uniforms/Equipment	3,418	2,112
Competitions	1,429	1,581
Volunteers	1,632	1,114
Marketing	654	4,140
Award Banquets/Christmas Party	2,032	1,607
Other	951	499
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>15,711</u>	<u>15,324</u>
SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)	10,219	15,444
OPENING CASH BALANCE	34,873	19,429
AVAILABLE CASH	<u>45,092</u>	<u>34,873</u>

**SOO - Aurora Community - Budget
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

Revenues	\$	
Donations		10,100
Registration		7,050
Grants		2,500
Fundraisers		8,750
		<u>28,400</u>
Expenses	\$	
Facilities		10,493
Uniforms & Equipment		5,480
Competition		915
New Competitor Startup Costs		650
Volunteers		2,980
Sport Banquets		3,240
Marketing		1,760
Fundraising		685
Christmas party		850
Administration		1,365
		<u>28,418</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)		<u><u>(18)</u></u>

Submitted by: Dorothy Hall

Athlete Representative – 2012-13

All the athletes had a great year with Special Olympics in Aurora. The year was great because:

- We worked and tried hard.
- We learned new things.
- We got lots of exercise.
- We got to make new friends and hang out with old friends.
- We got to feel good about ourselves.
- Some people went to competitions.
- We had fun.

As the athlete representative, I did interesting things. I went to executive meetings, attended Be a Fan Day, took public speaking lessons, went to a YRP dinner with Nancy Black and visited other Special Olympic sports groups. My job was also to let the executive know what the athletes are thinking.

I would like to thank all the wonderful people who volunteer their time to Special Olympics Aurora. You are all great and all the athletes appreciate everything you do for us.

Submitted by: Meredith Allan

Fundraising Report – 2012-13

2012-2013 was a solid year of fundraising for Special Olympics Ontario - Aurora. We now have established programs and fundraisers generating solid and consistent revenues, which are joined by ongoing corporate and private donations. Our total fundraising revenues were \$19,448.00.

From our base programs and events; Sponsor Blocks, Staples "Give a Toonie, Share a Dream" campaign, the Christmas Craft Sale and the Special Olympics Ontario - Aurora Community Golf Tournament we raised \$10,217.00.

This was the second year the Special Olympics Ontario - Aurora Community Golf Tournament was held. It was more successful than the year prior, and this event will now be an annual one.

Amongst our donations we were fortunate to receive a grant from the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic. This year we again participated in the IBM Employee Charity Showcase. We are very thankful for this support and from our other corporate and private sponsors. Our total for donations and grants was \$9,231.00.

For the coming year, we will continue with these core programs and events, while keeping ourselves open to new opportunities.

Submitted by: Stefanie Lee

Community Volunteer Coordinator/Registrar Report – 2012-13

As of Aug 14th we have the following number of coaches in each sport.

Golf

15 coaches
14 of them are registered
9 have taken the AODA course
4 have NCCP training

Softball

8 coaches
7 of them are registered, one is in progress
4 have taken the AODA course
2 have NCCP training

Swimming

36 coaches
25 of them are registered
5 have taken the AODA course
14 have NCCP training

Basketball

13 coaches
12 of them are registered (the last one is going to university and will not be back)
5 of them have taken the AODA course
5 have NCCP training

It has been another great year of volunteers. Golf, basketball and swimming can always use more coaches.

The hope for the upcoming year is to have all coaches registered in a timely manner and have them all complete the AODA online course.

All coaches need the basic one day NCCP training. It usually runs on a Saturday. You can find some courses on offer as online courses. Once again will send out the web site for NCCP training courses and hope that our coaches can attend one of them within the year.

Submitted by: Rhonda Wood

Public Relations Report – 2012-13

Special Olympics Ontario - Aurora Website

Since our 2009 launch of the website it has become a place where you can go to look at our calendar of events, and details on the many sports we offer. We also post the names of our sponsors so that you can support them! Visit our Website to find out more, donate, or volunteer as we grow in Aurora!

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Getting the Word out...

One of the key goals for our community is to develop awareness in our community about Special Olympics Ontario - Aurora and our goal to provide sport training and competition for people with an intellectual disability.

Early in the year the Special Olympics Canadian National Floor Hockey team from Newmarket traveled to South Korea to compete. Our community joined in the excitement as they cheered on their friends and teammates. This was a trip of a lifetime for the athletes who worked hard to qualify and compete at the event.

This year our region was also lucky enough to host the Special Olympics Ontario Summer Games and our cause was profiled frequently in the community. The York Regional Police did a superb job of organizing and hosting the events.

The "Be a Fan" campaign is a national awareness and fundraising initiative in support of Special Olympics. The main focus is to raise awareness and support by spreading the word and having participants wear red shoe laces.

A roadshow to all of the region's schools was organized by the York Regional Police in the spring; our athletes participated by speaking at some of the events at the schools. (The highlight for the athletes was to arrive at the school in class in a squad car!)

We again received tremendous support from The Auran, Snap and Sport in Aurora Magazine who have been fantastic at profiling our athletes and their achievements. Ice Photo Studios has attended many events and their photos have captured the spirit of our athletes and the events!

Key events that we value for their opportunity to develop awareness in our community are:

- The Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Aurora Santa Claus Parade
- Staples Fundraising Event (Stouffville and Aurora)
- Aurora Street Sale

This year we also had athletes participate in the July long weekend parade in Aurora as lead up to the Summer Games.

Thank you to our athletes and their families and our volunteers and sponsors for their participation at all of these events!

We plan to invest in some signage (banners and sandwich boards) that can be used

at multiple events and registration nights to help new parents locate our venues on the first night.

We would love for anyone with an advertising/reporting or writing flair to help in our public relations team.

Submitted by: Nancy Shaw

Parent Liaison's Report – 2012-13

I was the Parent Liaison for Special Olympics in Aurora again this past year. I am your voice (opinions as well as concerns) at monthly committee meetings, so please feel free to contact me through e-mail, the phone or in person. I do try to attend the sports on regular basis and can easily accommodate a meeting at one of the sports, so please contact me with anything you feel should be brought to the committee's attention. We do want to hear from you. Your input helps guide us in our decision making process.

This past year our Athlete Representatives again took part in speech training with Theresa Buck, and as you will hear at the Annual Members Meeting, the training is really making a difference. We will continue to provide opportunities for our Athlete Representatives and are proud to have each of them represent the SOO-Aurora Community.

I look forward to another season as Parent Liaison, to continue growth through new and existing sports, and to see our Athlete Representatives be the voices of our Special Olympics Community.

Submitted by: Heather Brookes

Sport Technical Coordinator's Report – 2012-13

2012-2013 was a busy year, in a great way! Summer Provincial Championships, continuing with the ongoing sports, and as a swim coach I have to say lots of great meets with a new overnight one in Montreal. I attended the Championships as a volunteer. Super once again to see how the community pulls together, especially the various law enforcement agencies.

We didn't add a new sport this year, so my role has been light in that respect. I have attended the Region 6 coaches meetings as well as practices and/or competition for all the sports. So far everything seems to be running smoothly.

Actually when it comes to golf Nicola is often strapped for coaches, but she always makes do. And on this theme, Nicola was chosen as a coach on the Region 6 team, 3 of the athletes bringing home medals (including a gold!) It has also recently come to my knowledge that Nicola has been picked as the Head Coach for the Ontario team at a national event in October, and will potentially also be the head coach for the National Summer Games in Vancouver next year!

Community Council member Rhonda, who is our head softball coach (remember she started the team in a week last year) was also a coach on the Region 6 squad at the Summer Games. She coached the Newmarket team as our team didn't qualify.

We look forward to another good year with more basketball, the national games and more swimmers going to Montreal.

Looking forward:

- 2014 Summer Nationals, Vancouver
- 2015 Summer Worlds, Los Angeles

Submitted by: Lloyd Brown

Sports Club Reports

Swimming Report – 2012-13

2012-2013 Season

- 2 swimmers qualified for Provincials - Cindy & Mary will be honoured this October at the Breakfast of Champions! YAY!
- Increased from 25 to 28 athletes
- Struggled a little with guards for Sunday mornings, but with the help of the Master Ducks, we managed
- Increased from 2 practices/week to 3/week
- Split the groups formally into pre-competitive and competitive and the swimmers thrived with this format
 - Competitive group: advance skill in diving, flip-turns
- Attended 5 meets this year including big travel to Montreal
- Special Ducks athlete representative was Meredith Allan

2013-2014 Season

- Have 4 new swimmers expected to join
- Have a few new coaches who have expressed interest
- Still could use more coaches this year – or get more commitment from existing coaches (i.e. 2-3 practices per month versus the 1 -2 that many offer)
- This year the Town is able to provide one guard on Sundays for us, so Sundays will be smoother
- Hope for considerable increases in Sponsor Blocks this year compared to last, to reduce our actual costs
- Will keep same format with pre-competitive and competitive
- Goal is to have more “first-timers” compete - especially the pre-competitive and ADAPT athletes.
- Pleased to announce that Nancy Shaw will be joining us as the Assistant Head Swim Coach (moving from Public Relations Coordinator)

Submitted by: Sue Deacon, Special Ducks Swim Team Manager

Basketball Report – 2012-13

- The third season of Aurora Dunks Basketball started off by welcoming eight new players and 4 coaches to the team. Like previous years, the Dunks met weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Andrew College. The Dunks athlete representative was Mary Haberer.
- As expected the season was off to a busy start. In early November, we had the privilege of accepting a cheque for \$5000 from the Mayor of Aurora, Geoffrey Dawe. These funds were raised from the Mayors Charity Golf Classic, and 50% of the funds were re-distributed to the Special Olympics Ontario Summer Games. The remainder was applied to our basketball program as well as the Aurora Special Ducks SwimTeam.
- In December, members of our team took part in the SOO-Aurora Craft Sale and also participated in the Aurora Santa Claus parade. The theme of the float this year was geared to promoting the 2013 Special Olympic Provincial Summer Games. After busy and demanding schedules, the Holidays were around the corner, and the athletes were treated to the annual Christmas Party which was held at the York Region Police Association "Shed".
- In the New Year, the Dunks had lots of game practice as they played two intramural games against the Vaughan Raptors, two games against members of York Regional Police and even hosted a game against firefighters from Central Fire.
- In March, eight of our athletes participated in the Mary Matthews Annual Basketball tournament and with just enough players to form a team, placed third in their division. Following that, five athletes from our team attended the Bay Street Hoops 3 on 3 tournament which was a huge success.
- With a team roster of 33 players in our third year, we have decided to expand basketball to two nights per week; based on experience and skill level. We will have athletes grouped as Competitive and Pre Competitive and hope that this will allow athletes the opportunity to participate in games and tournaments that are suited to their individual skill levels. This will ensure not only individual improvement, but also a better functioning basketball program that meets the needs of all Special Olympics basketball players in our community. We look forward to these new changes and welcome new players in our fourth season!

Submitted by: Jaclyn Black, Dunks Basketball Team Manager

Golf Report – 2012-13

GOLFERS

- Registration for season 3 was Sunday June 2nd at Westview Golf Club
- 27 golfers registered for 2013 season
- 16 athletes waitlisted for the 2014 season
- Practices held on Sundays from 4:30 – 6:00 pm at Westview Golf Club, June 9th through to September 15th
- Anticipate all 2013 golfers to return next season
- Eagles athlete representative is Ian McKie

COMPETITIONS

- 2013 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games
 - Rolling Hills Golf Course, Stouffville
 - 3 Aurora Eagles athletes qualified to represent Region 6
 1. One bronze medal finish / 2 personal bests
- Brampton Invitational
 - Peel Village Golf Course on Saturday July 27th
 - 6 golfers attended
 1. Two 1st places / One 2nd place / One 3rd place
- Sep 21 Region 6 Tournament – Marlwood, Wasaga Beach
- Eagles Season ended with mini game, skills competition and BBQ

COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- 17 coaches, including 3 parents
- Strong teaching skills throughout the group and many coaches are able to work in one-on-one capacity and also in group format
- Majority of our coaches returned for this season allowing for continuity and skill development – Thank you to our amazing coaches!!
- Hopeful that our coaches will also return and that we will be able to recruit more to assist next season
- Our Head Coach has been selected as Head Coach of Team Ontario for National Tournament in Vancouver, BC (Oct 2-6/13).

GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS

- A new Aurora Eagles logo was designed
- Spring Golf Tournament Fundraiser held at Westview Golf Club was a HUGE success. **\$7,735.00** was raised for Special Olympics Aurora!
- We would once again like to give a big THANK YOU to Mike Nesbit for allowing us to use his beautiful facility. The generosity and kindness of Mike and his staff is truly appreciated!
- At the Provincial games Opening Ceremonies, Ryan met the Torch from the group of YRP Runners with an Officer escort, and then he passed it off to Mary and another YRP escort to light the Torch for the beginning of the Games.

NEXT YEAR

- Send a larger contingent of golfers to competitions.
- Recruit additional coaches for group and one-on-one format; NCCP training and golf specific courses for all coaches prior to next season.
- Recruit an Assistant Golf Coach to assist at practices

- Implement a system to help athletes measure progress and help them work towards their goals. Provide activities to track the progress towards the goals (e.g. putting contests, custom score cards, mini group skills tournaments, etc).

Submitted by: Kaitlin Vickers, Eagles Golf Team Manager

Softball Report – 2012-13

Softball is now in its 2nd Year for SOO-Aurora this year, with start up taking place in May this year as opposed to June last year. Highlights of softball:

- We had a wet summer but still managed to have several Fridays of practices and more games than prior year
- We had 13 athletes last year; this year we grew to 26 athletes
- 6 full time coaches and 3 summer highschool volunteers
- Grand Slams athlete representative was Gary Clancy
- Field is donated by York Region Police Association
- 2 athletes attended the Rob Plunkett memorial tournament
- Played 2 games against the Newmarket Challenger team that represented our region at the Summer Provincial Games

Submitted by: Dan Banks, Grand Slams Softball Team Manager

Other Reports

Event Coordinator Report – 2012-13

Santa Claus Parade -- Thanks to the many Volunteers in the morning, helping put together our '2013 Summer Games' Float. In the evening we had many walkers & riders on the Float of Athletes/Parents, SOO Aurora Volunteers, as well as Volunteers from YRP to help make our evening a lot of fun. We looked spectacular and gained a little exposure for the Summer Games (which were also a great success). We look forward to this year and welcome all ideas for a 'Theme' for the Parade.

SOO Craft Sale -- It was a good day, but not as many vendors as we would have liked, due to some unforeseen rules after booking the venue. We are very HAPPY to announce that we have booked a new venue for this year, which will cost us to book, however we are very optimistic that it will be a spectacular event. The Date will be Sunday December 1st at The Aurora Cultural Centre (right behind the Library). We hope that all of you can join us, bring out all your friends & family, and can help us to advertise once we send out our Flyer.

Athlete Christmas Party -- Unfortunately I was away for our party last year – but appreciated my trusty friends that kept everything rolling. It was well attended, lots of fun for everyone, a great venue at the YRP Shed. Planning will start soon; numbers will depend on location this year, and hope for another fun party for all.

Trophy Cases & Bulletin Boards -- This is an ongoing project ... And, one we could use some help with :) There are now 4 Sports, 3 Bulletin Boards, and 2 Trophy Cases -- Anyone that would like to help by providing photos, articles, etc., or are creative and can help dress them up from time to time would be a great help !!

Street Sale -- Although the day was very windy, and not all sunshine, it was a great success for exposure and information about our Special Olympics Ontario–Aurora Community. We sold our Wrist Bands, Laces for the Summer Games, and had Handout Brochures. Thanks to the Athletes who helped out, as well as the Volunteers that stayed for the day.

Golf Tournament -- We had a fabulous day for this spectacular event and raised over \$7,000. Thanks to our many Golfers that participated enthusiastically, the Hole Sponsorships & those that pursued the Hole Sponsorships, our many Prize Donations, and the Volunteers who are always a great help to make things run smoothly. We look forward to next year and the planning will begin very soon.

Volunteers, Donations & Funding are integral for any of our Events ---- Help in any or all of these areas would be greatly appreciated !!

Submitted by: Cheryl Duckworth, Event Coordinator